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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7193**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1481

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 17, 2009

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Office of Educational Equity.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Porter

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the Office of Educational Equity within the Department of Education.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Office is established to coordinate and monitor issues of disproportionality within and among the following programs, including:

1. Student achievement.
2. Discipline.
3. Special Education.
4. Alternative Education.
5. Dropout prevention and graduation.
6. High ability.

The cost of the new office would be about \$500,000 annually.

**Background:** The state had an office until 1996 when the federal government decided to provide the services on a regional basis. The office at that time consisted of a director, a fiscal assistant, an administrative assistant, and three consultants.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Education.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Department of Education.

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